WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Monkfish Research Set-Aside Workshop

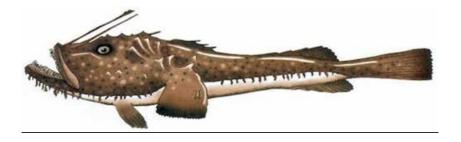
Wednesday, July 12, 2006 9:30 am - 5:00 pm University of Rhode Island's Coastal Institute Narragansett, RI

The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) will be holding a collaborative workshop to discuss aspects of the Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program. This program is carried out through the cooperation of both the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, who have joint management authority over the monkfish fishery, and NOAA Fisheries Service. This RSA program sets aside 500 monkfish days-at-sea (DAS) from the directed monkfish fishery to be used for monkfish related research endeavors, thereby providing a mechanism to fund such research activities and compensate vessels through revenues generated from monkfish harvested during research set-aside DAS.

The purpose of this Monkfish RSA Workshop is to facilitate discussion among potential RSA applicants (including scientists and vessel owners), NOAA Grant personnel, and fishery regulators concerning how to develop successful research proposals under the 2007 Monkfish RSA Program. Presentations concerning the NOAA Grants application process and the Federal fisheries permitting process, as they relate to the Monkfish RSA Program, will be given. In addition, lessons learned from the 2006 Monkfish RSA Program, the inaugural year of the program, will be discussed and public input received concerning ways in which the program could be improved.

NOAA Fisheries Service is currently soliciting proposals for the 2007 Monkfish RSA Program through **5 pm EDT August 11, 2006**. This announcement may be viewed by visiting the NOAA Grants On-line website at http://www.grants.gov under Funding Opportunity Number **NMFS-NERO-2007-2000675**. Applications may also be submitted through the Grants On-line website.

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Directions to URI's Narragansett Bay Campus*

From Providence, Boston, and Points North:

Interstate 95S toward N.Y. and Narragansett. (From T.F. Green Airport, follow the Airport Connector signs to join 95S at exit 13.) Continue on 95S to Exit 9 and exit in left lane off highway onto Rt. 4S. Continue to Rt. 1 and the junction of Rt. 138W. Take a left at the tower onto Bridgetown Rd. Continue to next traffic signal (intersection of Bridgetown Rd. and 1A). Cross intersection onto South Ferry Rd. Continue past South Ferry Industrial Park on the right and South Ferry Church on the left. Entrance to campus is on the right.

From Cape Cod and Points East:

Rt. 195 to 24S to 138W. Cross Newport (toll \$2) and Jamestown Bridges. Take the first exit after the bridge onto Rt. 1A toward Narragansett. Continue south to the first traffic signal and make a left onto South Ferry Rd. Continue past South Ferry Industrial Park on the right and South Ferry Church on the left. Entrance to campus is on the right.

From Connecticut, New York, and Points West:

Via Rt. 1. Interstate 95N to Exit 92 in Conn. Right turn after leaving expressway, then go about 1.5 mi. on Conn. 2 to 78. Take Rt. 78E (a barrier divides the roadway) 4 mi. to Rt. 1N in Westerly, R.I. Go left on Rt. 1N for about 27 mi. to intersection of Rts. 1 and 138. Make a right onto Bridgetown Rd. Continue to next traffic signal (intersection of Bridgetown Rd. and 1A). Cross intersection onto South Ferry Rd. Continue past South Ferry Industrial Park on the right and South Ferry Church on the left. Entrance to campus is on the right.

Via Rt. 138. Interstate 95N to exit 3A in R.I. (Kingston exit). Turn right off exit ramp onto Rt. 138E (Kingstown Rd.). Continue on 138 (passing the University's Kingston Campus on the left) to Rt. 1 and cross the junction onto Bridgetown Rd. Continue to next traffic signal (intersection of Bridgetown Rd. and 1A). Cross intersection onto South Ferry Rd. Continue past South Ferry Industrial Park on the right and South Ferry Church on the left. Entrance to campus is on the right.



*The Coastal Institute building will be on your left, just past the main entrance to the Narragansett Bay Campus. You may enter the parking lot of the Coastal Institute from either Tarzwell Drive (which will be on your left) or from South Ferry Road. For more information on the Coastal Institute, visit their website at http://www.ci.uri.edu.